

# WEST SEATTLE JUNCTION

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## Who did we hear from?

Approximately 30 people participated in the neighborhood discussion whereas 383 participated in the online questionnaire. Participants in both venues identified themselves as residents, business and property owners.

## What did we hear?

- Rapid change is difficult to adjust to. Recent development and increased density in the Junction generates a wide range of opinions and attitudes suggesting there is not a cohesive vision of how the Junction can meet the expectations of the community.
- Amenities such as the Farmers Market, pocket parks, playgrounds, and an attractive streetscape in the business district are valued.
- The Huling properties and neighboring sites offer a unique opportunity to create a welcoming entrance to West Seattle should the City, community groups, West Seattle Junction Association and West Seattle Chamber engage in a planning effort.
- Transportation and parking issues have worsened with increased development.
- Restaurants and bars have increased, but more retail stores are desired to provide a more complete shopping mix.
- Public safety is a growing issue.

For more information about the Neighborhood Status Check, including the complete summary of the neighborhood discussion and the transcript of the online responses, please see the Planning Commission's [report](#).

## What are the similarities between the in-person and online responses?

There is general acknowledgment that recent significant development has brought increased residential density in mixed use buildings that support a variety of retail uses that create a vibrant shopping environment. The rapid change triggered by this development is not always welcome, creates traffic and parking problems and changes the visual character of the neighborhood.

## What are the differences between the responses?

The online responses supported those made in-person; differences were difficult to detect.



### *In their own words...*

## How has your neighborhood changed?

*has so much more to offer in terms of entertainment, shopping, & dining. Junction now bustling and lively and a citywide destination.*

*There are many new businesses, particularly restaurants, that are frequented by much younger crowds than in the past. A lot of new apartments/condominiums have been recently built, under construction, or in the planning stages. The business district is so much more lively, exciting, and diverse than 10 years ago. It is great to see so many more people living, working, shopping, and going out in the neighborhood.*

*Parking requirements for apts lessened—BIG MISTAKE. Unfortunately, many of the apt buildings newly built lack style. Just big and ugly, e.g. Avalon Way.*

*There has been an enormous amount of constructing of apartment buildings and condominiums, but no parking facilities. very concerned about future congestion once these buildings fill up with tenants. Instead of more condos and apartments, how about a hotel option for out-of-town guests?*

*There has been a huge increase in traffic congestion entering and exiting the Junction neighborhoods. There has been a rise in crime. I currently do not feel safe walking to and from my home alone after dark.*